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On Page 12 of the specification filed 11-17-03 (REM on the TOC) paragraph [0091] refers to claims 8, 9 and 10. The file only has 6 allowed claims. Should these claims be the new claim numbers.

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[0079] In Example 1, a product of foamed strand with the form shown in Fig. 3 that has a ratio of height size to width size of h/w=1.88 was obtained, and in Comparative Example 1 a cylinder of diameter 2.5 was obtained. Both of the products had the same foaming magnification. In Example 1 a foamed net 1 having buoyancy with 1.52 times as much as in Comparative Example 1 was obtained. In order to acquire a buoyancy of 7.5 kg per life vest (a buoyancy standard of a life vest), in Example 1 only 66% of area of the product in Comparative Example 1 was required. At the same time the predetermined buoyancy was obtained without lamination processing.

[0080] In any clothing material according to one form of the present invention, cross section forms of foamed strands in foamed nets contained as the main material are set so that the height in a direction orthogonal or almost orthogonal to a face of the net is larger than the width. An improvement in warmth retaining property (heat insulating property), buoyancy, flexibility, and cushioning property is attained, without spoiling productivity and with little or no increase in cost and weight using the above-mentioned methods. Clothing materials especially suitable for a life jacket in which buoyancy and compact volume is required, and for sportswear in which outstanding warmth retaining property is required are provided.

[0081] In a clothing material according to claim ~~8~~ 2, outstanding buoyancy and warmth retaining property are obtained. And in a textile according to claim ~~9~~ 3, a lining cloth side (skin side) with a good feeling is given, and as a result a material suitable for clothes with excellent feeling of wearing is obtained. In a textile according to claim ~~10~~ 4, the possibility of buckling of a foamed net by an external force is almost overcome, the tendency of the garment getting out of shape is decreased, and improved buoyancy, warmth retaining property, flexibility, and cushioning property are effectively achieved.

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